

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2194**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: SECURE EXCHANGE OF  
OBJECTS IN A  
DISTRIBUTED  
COMPUTING  
ENVIRONMENT

## **RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION OF OCTOBER 18, 2006**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 18, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.